



Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form



Headteacher: Miss M Ryan

27 January 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

RE: NEU Industrial Action 1 February 2023

As you will be aware, the National Education Union has declared four days of industrial action. The first of these is on **Wednesday 1 February**. This industrial action is due to a national dispute between the National Education Union and the Government; it is not any kind of protest against Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form.

Having carried out a detailed risk assessment, it would seem that a significant number of our teaching staff will be absent on 1 February. This means that it will be impossible to open the school to all year groups safely and ensure safe supervision of all students.

In deciding which students should attend school we have followed the Department for Education guidance of 16 January which states that we should 'prioritise vulnerable children and pupils due to take public examinations.' Consequently, our provision will be as follows:

Year 13	Normal Lessons
Year 12	Normal Lessons
Year 11	Taught sessions and independent study Please bring your PE kit
Year 10	Remote Learning Via Teams
Year 9	Remote Learning Via Teams
Year 8	Remote Learning Via Teams
Year 7	Remote Learning Via Teams

During tutor time on Monday 30 and Tuesday 31 January, the planned schedule for Wed 1 February will be shared with all year groups. A short video explaining how to use Teams will also be emailed to the students in case they have difficulty in accessing the work set.

For Year 11, a timetable has been arranged for the day which will include a mixture of taught sessions and independent study as well as PE. Students should bring their PE kits with them on the day for PE sessions. Year 11 students should report to the Food Hall at the start of the day to sign in and be registered.

The Sixth Form will be open as normal on this day and students are expected to attend their normal timetable of lessons. All students will need to sign in as they arrive via the signing in and out sheets by the student entrance. For those lessons where the member of staff is present, then these will run as normal.

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Please note that the National Education Union has instructed teachers taking industrial action not to set cover work. If the member of staff is not present in the lesson, then the students will be expected to carry out independent study for that subject. Students will need to ensure they are prepared for the day with the appropriate resources, including their study notes and textbooks. There are additional resources including past questions and wider reading available on SharePoint for all subjects. There will be members of staff available throughout the Sixth Form all day to support with independent study where required.

It is important that students sign out via the sheets by the student entrance at any point when entering or leaving the Sixth Form so that we are fully aware who is on site in the event of any evacuation.

There will be no enrichment options running during period 5 on this day for sixth form students; however, students can remain on site to study if they wish to. There will not be any after school activities on the day. Normal catering will be provided on site for Years 11/12 and 13.

Please note that the National Education Union has instructed teachers taking industrial action not to set cover work, which is why a range of work for remote learning is being provided on Teams. Should any child need any extension tasks or follow up work during the day to complete, they can make use of the following:

Year 10	Mathswatch/G.C.S.E. Pod/ Seneca/Doddle/Oak National Academy/BBC Bitesize
Years 7-9	Mathswatch/Oak National Academy/BBC Bitesize

The pastoral team will contact the parents/carers of a small number of students in Years 7-10 who will be asked to attend school because of their individual circumstances.

Students in Years 7-10 who are learning remotely and receive Free School Meals will be provided with a packed lunch. This should be collected from Reception between 12-1pm on 1st February.

Finally, it is our intention to review these arrangements before the National Education Union's second planned day of industrial action on Wednesday 1 March. A letter will be sent home by 23 February explaining how the school will operate on that day.

Yours sincerely

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